காங்கிரஸ் கட்சிக் கூட்டங்களில் கலந்து கொள்ளுகிறார். ஆகவே காங்கிரஸ் கமிட்டியார் இந்த செலவின் ஒரு பகுதியை ஏற்றுக்கொள்ள ஆலோசிப்பார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Whenever it is purely a personal visit, the expenditure incurred is very much less, I agree. But he visited this State as the Prime Minister of India, and we cannot efface the fact that he happens to be the Leader of the Congress Party and the Congress Organization as such. So, he takes advantage of such a visit and addresses the Congressmen. That cannot be helped and for that purpose, we cannot ask the Congress Party to share the expenditure."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Is it not a fact that the Prime Minister's visit was primarily concerned with the elections in Travancore-Cochin and the inspection of the irrigation projects was a secondary purpose?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" With reference to his visit in connexion with the elections in Travancore-Cochin, no expenditure was incurred. It was with reference to his previous visit that this expenditure was incurred. At that time, there was no question of the Travancore-Cochin elections pending."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" நமது தேசத்தின் உதவி ஜனாதிபதியாகிய டாக்டர் இராதாகிருஷ்ணன் அடிக்கடி நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்திற்குவந்து போய்க் கொண்டிருக்கிறார். அவருக்கு அதிகப்படியான தொகை செலவு செய்யப் படாதபோது, கனம் பிரதம மந்திரியார் வந்து போவதற்கு மட்டும் அதிகப்படியான செலவு ஏன் செய்யப்படுகிறது என்பதை கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member knows about the crowd which gathers whenever the Prime Minister visits any part of India or, as a matter of fact, any part of the world. If the hon. Member feels dissatisfied with the gathering of the crowd, he may carry on a propaganda and see that people do not gather when the Prime Minister comes."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Question No. 613[a] may be taken up tomorrow, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes. Let us pass on to the next question."

Reabsorption of Government servants retrenched due to separation of Andhra.

* 614 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Government servants thrown out of employment as a result of separation of Andhra; and

(*b*) whether the Government have ordered their reabsorption?

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[a] Answered at the end of question hour.

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) 724.

" (b) A large number of them have been re-employed already. The Government have been taking all possible steps to absorb the discharged personnel."

SRI P. RANGASWAMY REDDIAR :—' Is it not possible to give the correct figures as to who were re-employed and who were not employed? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I don't have the figures here. A majority of them have been re-absorbed. That assurance I can give the hon. Member."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Is it a fact that the present Director of Public Instruction, Madras, who was allotted to Andhra and who was chucked out by the Andhra Government, has been re-absorbed by the Madras Government thereby removing the previous incumbent from the post? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As far as the former Director of Public Instruction who has just now retired, is concerned, there was no question of ousting her from service, because her term of re-employment expired and there was no question of continuing her re-employment. As far as the present Director of Public Instruction is concerned, he was allotted to Andhra on the specific request of the Andhra Government and on the understanding that as soon as the work of organizing and setting up of the Education Department of the Andhra State was over, he would be re-allotted to this State and that we would take him back. It is only on this understanding that we took him back now."

Digging of wells for the use of Harijans in South Arcot.

* 615 Q.—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kattimuthu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of wells ordered by the Government to be dug in the South Arcot district in the year 1953–54 for the use of Harijans for drinking purposes;

(b) the number of wells dug so far; and

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to dig wells in the Vriddhachalam taluk for the use of Harijans for drinking purposes in the current year and if so, how many?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) 136 wells under the Rule Water-supply Scheme and 10 wells under the Harijan Welfare Scheme were ordered to be dug for the use of Harijans in the South Arcot district during 1953–54.

" (b) 68 wells under the Rural Water-Supply Scheme and 2 wells under the Harijan Welfare Scheme were completed during the year.